

We Claim:

1. A method of processing a digital image comprising:  
capturing the image utilising an adjustable focusing  
technique;  
5 utilising the focusing settings as an indicator of the  
position of structures within the image; and  
processing the image, utilising the said focus settings to  
produce effects specific to said focus settings.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step  
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capturing said image utilising a zooming technique; and  
utilising zooming settings in a heuristic manner so as to  
process portions of said image.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said processing step  
15 comprises utilising said auto focus information to assist in the  
location of objects within the image.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said focus setting is  
derived from a CCD captured digital image a CCD captured  
digital image.

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